

ELI GEORGE AND EMMA DURNELL



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His father died suddenly in 1878, leaving his mother and his sister Ellen to rear. Ellen died in 1881.

In 1882, George and his mother left their native England after she had been converted to the LDS Church. His mother was a very sweet, loving and thoughtful person and was loved by her family.

After coming to Utah he worked as a newspaper boy on the streets of Salt Lake City. Later he worked on many farms as a growing boy, mostly in the Draper area.

Tinsmith Trade

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He and his mother moved to Heber after her marriage to James Carlile. He lived in Heber until 1924, when he and his wife Emma moved with their children to Provo.

Eli George Durnell and Emma Johnson were married June 11, 1902. Emma Johnson was born in Heber City on July 23, 1880, to Mr. and Mrs. Ola Johnson. She was reared in Heber and attended school there.

They are the parents of seven children. Two children died when infants. The children were Marna, George Ray, Bessie, Madge, Elda Lucille, Audrey and Burniece. Elda Lucille and Audrey died as infants. They have four children living and six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Eli George Durnell was a peace officer many years, first as a deputy marshal at Heber and later as Wasatch county sheriff from 1918 to 1922. He was special agent for the D. & R. G. railroad until they moved to Provo, where he was a policeman for eight years and sheriff of Utah County eight years, then a guard at the U. S. Steel Co. for three years.

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